

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 54

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, Alquist. Older Americans Month.

This measure would recognize the month of May 2006 as Older Americans Month and would encourage all Californians to promote and participate in activities and services that contribute to the health, welfare, and independence of older citizens.

WHEREAS, Older Americans are among our greatest treasures, providing invaluable links to the past, and wise counsel for the future; and

WHEREAS, The gift of longevity will ensure that today's and tomorrow's seniors will continue to make significant contributions to our families by giving of themselves freely and by sharing their wisdom and experience; and

WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the contributions that older individuals have made to our economic well-being, in our communities, and in the workplace, through civic leadership and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, The seniors of tomorrow will be increasingly multicultural and multigenerational, as well as more diverse socially, ethnically, and economically than past generations; and

WHEREAS, An expanding elder population will profoundly impact every facet of our lives, including redefining our ideas of work, retirement, and leisure, altering our housing and living arrangements, challenging our health care systems, reshaping our economy, and altering social and public policy; and

WHEREAS, The opportunities and challenges that await as this new chapter in human history begins requires continued commitment to the goal of ensuring that our senior citizens enjoy active, productive, and healthy lives, and do so independently, safely, and with dignity for as long as they choose; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the State of California join the nation and designate the month of May as a time to celebrate the contributions of older Americans and to rededicate our efforts to better serve American elders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes May 2006 as Older Americans Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to honor elder adults during this month and this year, and to promote and participate in activities and services that contribute to the health, welfare, and independence of our older citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.